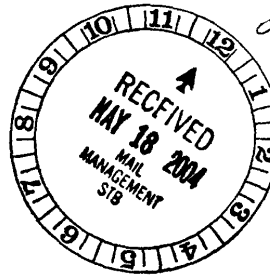


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**Re:   *Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 414X);  
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company  
Abandonment of Lookout, California to Hambone, California***

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing regarding the proposed consummation date listed in the Notice of Exemption for the above listed abandonment. Due to a clerical error, the consummation date listed in the Notice of Exemption is wrong. The consummation date should be June 22, 2004, not June 21, 2004.

Sincerely,

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